



# Fleet 5



March 29, 2009

## Spring Meeting at Brazi's Italian Restaurant, New Haven March 29, 2009

MARCH 29, 2009, NEW HAVEN, CT

In like a lion and out like a lamb? This familiar weather adage was a little less accurate today as it was raining and in the mid-forties, quite a dreary day. But what better way to brighten the day than by spending it with friends who are all looking forward to the upcoming sailing season! The luncheon meeting at Brazi's in New Haven was just the ticket! Great food and excellent service surely brightened everyone's day. Brazi's Buffet included Fresh Garden Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Penne Vodka, Chicken Cacciatore, Pork Loin Marsala, Zucchini, Focaccia bread and rolls, and an Italian Cream Cake shaped like a ship and frosted with "Congratulations to Richard and Keila!" in honor of their recent wedding at sea. The table wines and sodas were complimentary. Thank you to Linda & John Reilly for hosting our luncheon meeting.

Captain Richard Toth called the meeting to order at 2:30P.M.

The 31 Fleet 5 members in attendance were Joanne & Joseph Albano (*mystic sea*), Judy & Ted



*Brazi's Italian Restaurant*



*Fred, Val & Tom*



*Linda, Judy, Heather and Dot*

Andre (*Windfall*), Heather & Ken Babits (*Raison D'Etre*), Pam Bercian & Rick Bunting (*Kallipygos*), Jackie & Paul Bogacki (*Mirage IV*), Marilyn & Bob Clark (*Snowflake II*), Carol & Wayne Deming (*Freeport*), E.J. Hodes (*Precipice*), Joyce & Tom Lan-



Joanne, Carol, Joe & Georgie

zilli (*Ithaka*), Bill & Georgie Maguire (*Amère*), Jim Meador & Melissa Patterson-Meador (*Odyssey*), Linda & John Reilly (*Shenanigans*), Dot & Fred Salzberg (*Rainbow's End*), Keila & Richard Toth (*Mai Toi*), Carol & Griffin Walling (*Paramour*) and Val & Tom Zicko (*Wine and Roses*).



Melissa, Paul & Jackie

**Officers' Reports:**

The secretary's minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup> winter meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter and posted on the web site.

Rich greeted everyone and wished us all a "happy, safe sailing season." He reminded us to use the VHF CH 71 while cruising this summer to monitor and keep in touch with other Fleet 5 members. Participation by group members in events has always been a major positive of Fleet 5.

E.J. Hodes will make calls for donations for summer cruise sponsors. If you are making a major purchase let E.J. know and he will make a call on behalf

of the Fleet.

Treasurer's report: Dot reported \$3692.27 as our current balance. Tax and gratuity for today's luncheon will be paid for by the Fleet.

Membership: Rich received information from Doug Smith. There are currently 57 yachts in our Fleet. Rich believes we are the largest fleet in the Catalina family. 53% of our members are C36 owners and 80% of our members own a Catalina. There are 220 Catalina owners in Connecticut who are not Fleet members. Doug Smith is sending letters to them to make them aware of Fleet 5.

Tom Lanzilli reported that although the website was compromised, it was caught immediately and shut down. It is up and running now. The *Members Only* section is still disabled. Tom is working with Jim Meador to create a navigation page. The Forum sec-





*Congratulations Keila & Richard!*

tion of the website is a subscription so be prepared to see ad pop-ups.

Jim Meador reported that the navigation page is coming along. There will be links to Coast Guard’s “Notice to Mariners”. The navigation page will always be a work in progress as members donate favorite routes, cruise routes, etc.

**Old Business:  
Summer Cruise, 2009**



*Richard conducting our meeting*

Bill Maguire said 21 boats have registered for the cruise to Chatham. The cut-off date for registrations for the Tee-shirts is April 30. Bill needs a deposit check from anyone who is going to stay in Chatham. Only 7 have paid him thus far. If you plan to stay at Stage Harbor in Chatham send Bill a check for \$47.25 by April 15. That is when he will send in a confirmed list of boats. When you arrive in Chatham you will pay your own fees and he will give back your deposit check. There has been no change in the itinerary as previously published. The cruise committee is in the process of developing some planned group activities which will soon be published on the website. In addition, they will prepare a general list of activities available at each port.



*Keila announces Melissa as winner of the raffle*

Wayne Deming secured 20 moorings from Dodson Marine in Stonington @ \$47 per night. Some dock space is available. Call Wayne to book space in Stonington. For Saturday night there is a picnic area available. For Sunday night dinner there are some choices: Dog Watch Café, Skipper’s Dock, Water Street Café. If Wayne doesn’t hear from members with a preference, he will pick one. Also, Wayne mentioned the possibility of taking a bus to Mystic.

For Dutch Harbor, members need to make their own reservations.

Ken Babits has reserved 20 mooring s in New Bedford. Dinner at Café Portugal along with plenty of things to do, including a whaling museum, should make the stay in New Bedford enjoyable. There is launch service available and a dink dock.

Moorings at Quisset Harbor are first-come, first-served. Thursday should be no problem.

**Fund raising:**

Taurus International donated wine / t-shirts / hat / winch grease in a canvas bag for the raffle. \$155 was collected. Jim & Melissa Meador won the bag of goodies.

**Mooring committee:**

Carol Walling reported that Fleet 5 is on lists for Mystic, Fisher's Island, Stonington, and Sag Harbor.

**SCAP:**

John & Linda Reilly have booked June 20 as the date Fleet 5 will volunteer with SCAP. Fleet members are needed to host and serve at the BBQ for clients as well as help getting them in and out of boats. There may be slips available. Contact John if interested.



*Our Hosts: John & Linda Reilly*

**New Business****Calendar:**

**May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend:** Richard & Keila will host. There will be a BBQ Sunday evening. Saturday night will be dinner out (TBD).

**June 14, Safety & Skills Weekend:** Need 3-4 members to volunteer to coordinate events with Guilford Yacht Club members. Some ideas for the venue would include docking without your mate, MOB drill, first aid / CPR.

**June 20:** SCAP

**July 4-18:** Summer Cruise to Chatham

**July 31- Aug 2:** Catalina East Coast Rendezvous at Block Island

**Aug 5:** Midnight Moonlight Cruise from GYC to Block Island

**Aug 15-16:** Grandparents & Kids Weekend at West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island

**Sept. 5-7:** Labor Day Weekend in Deep River & Goodspeed Opera House

**Sept 13:** Officers' Meeting at Guilford Yacht Club

**Oct 9-12:** Annapolis Boat Show

**Nov 8:** Fall Business Meeting

**2010 Spring Meeting** at the Carol & Grif Walling's

Rich closed the meeting by reminding members to "monitor our website for changes in events, times, hosts, etc."

Meeting adjourned @ 3:40 PM.

Secretary, *Joanne Albano*

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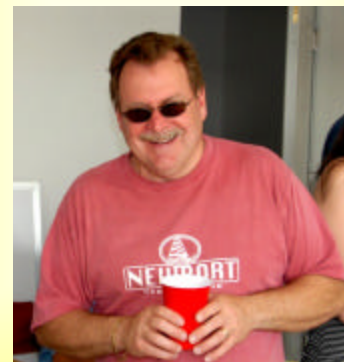
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